The main terms and conditions covered aspects like compliance with safety rules and regulations, non-employment of manual labour except for operation, maintenance and repairing of machines/ equipment and payment related to measurement of work done.

(c) The machines equipment were hired for working small patch deposits by open-cast methods.

(d) In working small patch deposits, deployment of hired machinery equipment has been found to be more economical than the departmental equipment under similar conditions.

(e) The hiring of machinery/equipment was done by the Board of Directors of Eastern Coalfields Limited or by competent authority to whom powers had been delegated. Coal India Limited laid down guidelines for hiring of machinery/equipment in 1981.

Inquiry into (he affairs of KVIC

136. SHRI M. A. BABY: SHRl K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to inquire into the goings on in the management of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission against whom a number of complaints have been received from different quarters; and

(b) if so, by when; and if not. what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Government had set up a Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri M. Ramakrishanyya, former Deputy Governor Reserve Bank and Chairman NABARD to go into the working of the Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Based on the recommendations, a number of amendments to the KVIC were passed by the Parliament early this year. In accordance with these amendments, the rules of the KVIC have been amended and notified in July, 1987.

Setting np of a National Design Council

*137. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Design Council';

(b) whether any progress has been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) A Working Group was set up to examine, the desirability and feasibility of setting up a National Design Council. The recommendations of the Working Group weie examined by the government and it was felt that the proposals needed modification from the point of view of organisation of the Council, manner of providing financial assistance as well as involving industry participation. The recommendations of the Working Group could not therefore, be accepted in their present form.

Oil Refineries at Karnal and Mangalore

*138. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed equity participation by the Tata and Birla groups in the joint venture companies to be formed for setting up the two oil refineries at Karnal and Mangalore; aad

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRl BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Government of India have decided lhat a 6 MTPA refinery be set up at Karnal in the joint sector. It has also been decided a Detailed Project Report be prepared for a 3 MTPA Petrochemical refinery at Mangalore.

The Karnal refinery will have Ms. Tata Chemicals Limited as the private co-promoter. The public sector promoter will be Indian Oil Corporation. Each of them